

**WASHINGTON** - Yesterday, at the House Administration markup of the DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 5175), Democrats blocked GOP attempts to apply the legislation's restrictions to unions. **Despite public promises to treat corporations and unions equally, Democrats are insisting that unions be exempted from their proposed restrictions on political speech.** Wonder why?

□ **"Unions to spend \$100M on saving Democrats.** *At least two influential unions will spend close to \$100 million on the 2010 election, with most of those funds going to protect incumbents. ... And the number will be even higher since the AFL-CIO declined to give its figures. ... The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) plans to spend in excess of \$50 million during the 2010 campaign, part of which will fund "a massive incumbent protection program," according to Gerry McEntee, president of the union. ... The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) plans to spend \$44 million in total on its 2010 election program.* [\(The Hill 5/21/10\)](#)

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